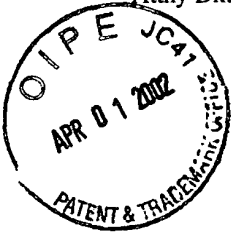


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner  
 of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following as a preliminary amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel claims 4-5, add claim 18 as provided below, and amend claims 1, 2, 6, and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A filtration system comprising:  
 an elongated outer casing defining an outer lumen;  
 a plurality of elongated inner casings disposed within the outer lumen, each of the inner casings having an inner lumen in which is disposed an upstream filter and a downstream filter, each of the inner casings also having an upstream inlet positioned upstream of the upstream filter, and a downstream inlet positioned downstream of the upstream filter and upstream of the downstream filter; and